

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, claims 3-6 are amended for dependency, and claim 2 is canceled. No new matter is added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claim 7, and indicating claims 2-6 contains allowable subject matter.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein and do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments simply incorporate the allowable subject matter and adjust dependency. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,233,351 to Okumura in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,304,585 to Oda. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and claims 8-10 depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, objected claims 3-6 now depend from allowable claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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